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Filed: December 24, 2001) Group Art Unit: 3724
Confirmation No.: 5243) Examiner: Ghassem Alie
Title: MAILPIECE PERFORATING/CUTTING SYSTEM

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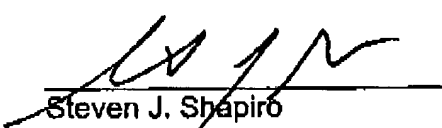
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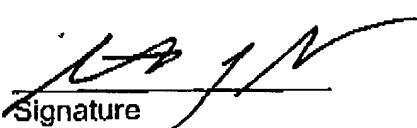
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